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TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, A.D., 2008

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

As Chairman of the County Board, I present herewith a Resolution recognizing the exemplary service and dedication of Dick Hilton to the citizens of Lake County and the county's Geographic Information System as he completes his service with Lake County; and request its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzi Schmidt
County Board Chairman
Lake County, Illinois

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richard Hilton began his career with Lake County in December, 1974 as the Project Leader for the county's first online application, a criminal justice system for the Sheriff's Office, and subsequently became the county's first Technical Services Division Manager, and during his tenure the county was chosen to be one of seven pilot sites for the first IBM implementation of relational database software; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 he formed an interdepartmental committee to explore the emerging potential of computer mapping, initiating a pilot project in 1981 and presenting the results to the County Board in 1982, resulting in County Board support to begin a GIS program; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hilton accepted the responsibility to coordinate and support this program, forging relationships with municipalities, federal and state agencies, universities and non-profit organizations to foster intergovernmental cooperation and avoid duplication of effort and accelerating adoption of GIS technology by all participants; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the GIS Division, working with county departments and other partners implemented the first broad family of Internet accessible GIS applications in Illinois for internal staff use and for the general public, resulting in a major reduction in phone calls and visits to county, municipal and township offices by the public and a high level of satisfaction by the users of these resources; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County GIS program is highly regarded by many for its accomplishments and has received a special achievement award from the Environmental Systems Research Institute, and an award for intergovernmental cooperation from the United States Geological Survey, and several awards from the National Association of Counties; and,

WHEREAS, Dick Hilton has been active in a number of professional associations and other public service organizations: Illinois Mapping Advisory Committee (IMAC), which establishes mapping priorities to the U.S. Geological Survey and fosters joint funding partnerships (1985-2008); National Association of Counties GIS Committee (1994-1997); Federal Geographic Data Committee standards committee on Earth Cover, representing NACo (1995-1997); Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (1984-2008); Chairman, Intergraph Midwest Regional Users Group (1988-1991); Vice President, Intergraph International Users Group (1991-1993); Municipal Arc Users Group (2001-2007); presenter: American Public Works Association; American Society of Civil Engineers, Chicago; Illinois Lakes Management Association, among other groups; and has authored many articles sharing GIS experience for publication; and

WHEREAS Dick was the cofounder of the Illinois Geographic Information Systems Association, a non-profit association of government GIS professionals, serving as board member, Vice President and then President for a number of years, and is the recipient of numerous awards, most prominently the Dahlberg Distinguished Achievement Award, given to those who have made significant statewide contributions to the advancement of government GIS, and was made a life member of the Illinois GIS Association; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hilton will retire from Lake County on January 18th, 2008, after 33 years of service; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we duly recognize the exemplary service and dedication of Dick Hilton to the citizens of Lake County and the county's Geographic Information System as he completes his service with Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we do offer and extend our appreciation to Dick Hilton for his distinguished record of service and accomplishments.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on this 15th day of January, A.D., 2008.